

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN KARNATAKA.
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to provide telephone facility in all the villages in Chikkaballapur region of Karnataka ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the steps taken so far to improve telecommunications facilities in the said region ?

Answer

Minister of State for Communications

(Shri Tapan Sikdar)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes Sir. Out of 973 villages in Chikkaballapur region 631 villages have been provided with telecom facility. Remaining 342 villages are proposed to be covered with telecom facilities progressively by March 2001. New telephone exchanges have been opened and existing exchanges expanded. More new exchanges are planned to be opened. Reliable transmission media is planned to be provided by laying Optical Fibre Cables.